

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application in view of the two enclosed *37 C.F.R. § 1.131 Declarations Of Prior Invention Made In The Republic Of Korea to Overcome Cited Patent Publication* (the “Declarations”) is respectfully requested. Each of the two inventors in this application, i.e. Kyou-Woong KIM and Jae-Min LEE, have signed a *§ 1.131 Declaration* to overcome the cited reference.

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application. In the Office Action, Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Steer* (U.S. 6,643,517) in view of *Sawada* (U.S. 6,421,544).

The Examiner’s allowance of Claims 8-19 and finding of allowable subject matter in Claims 4-7 is gratefully acknowledged.

The enclosed *§ 1.131 Declarations* establish reduction to practice of the present invention of the pending application in the Republic of Korea prior to October 15, 1999, which is the effective filing date of *Steer*. The two enclosed *§ 1.131 Declarations* reference identical exhibits.

Specifically, Exhibit A of the enclosed Declarations is an invention disclosure document showing that the invention of the pending application was completed at least before October 15, 1999, which is earlier than the effective filing date of *Steer*. A certified translation of the invention disclosure document is provided at Exhibit B.

Further, Exhibit C of the enclosed Declarations is a certified translation of Korean Patent Application Number 1999-45159, which was filed with the Korean Industrial Property Office on October 18, 1999, to which the pending application claims priority.

In view of the above remarks and enclosed information, it is respectfully submitted that *Steer* is not prior art in the present application. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of Claims 1-3 be withdrawn.

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Accordingly, all of the pending claims, i.e. Claims 1-19, are believed to be in condition for allowance and issuance of a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned if there are any questions regarding this communication.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures: Two Declarations entitled *37 C.F.R. § 1.131 Declaration Of Prior Invention Made In The Republic Of Korea to Overcome Cited Patent Publication*